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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Fuerst *et al.*

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EXAMINER: Wortman, Donna C.

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Amendment

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 5, 2003 in the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below.

Enclosed herewith are a Petition for a two-month extension of time, a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114, and a check for the fees totaling \$1,190.00.

No further fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.